

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 4 and 6 under 35 USC Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Frisbee in view of DePlazes and "Tractor Types."

Applicant has repeatedly argued that the references cited by the Examiner do not pivot their arms about an axis forward of the drive wheels. The Examiner continues to respond that the wheels not shown in Frisbee are drive wheels and that Frisbee's arms pivot in front of the wheels.

The Examiner now further points to "Tractor Types" to illustrate vehicles with tracks and/or forward and rear wheels.

Applicant does not argue whether tractors are known to have tracks and/or forward and rear wheels. The point is that, in all the tractors shown by the Examiner, the rear of the vehicle is supported by one or more wheels and the front of the vehicle is supported by one or more wheels, regardless of whether the wheels are tracked. In applicant's device, the wheels support the rear of the vehicle and the blade assembly is pivoted in front of the wheels and supports the front of the vehicle.

Claim 4 has been amended to accentuate that, in the present device, the drive wheels support the rear of the frame (ln.5-6) and the blade assembly supports the front of the frame (ln.12-14). The independent rotation of the arms allows the wheels to travel on uneven terrain or over obstacles while the blade assembly follows the floor contour (ln.8-10).

The prior art does not teach such a device.

Also enclosed for the Examiner's consideration is a two minute VHS illustrating the rear wheel and front blade assembly support of the vehicle and the ability of the vehicle to maintain the blade assembly against the front contour as the rear wheels encounter obstacles.

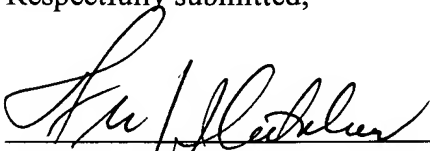
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Applicant believes that claims 4 and 6 are allowable. All other claims having already been allowed, Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

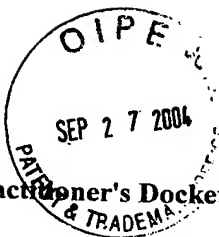
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